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Docket No.: 515-4181

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Giovanni Abatangelo et al.) Group Art Unit:
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Serial No.: not yet known)
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Filed: not yet known)

For: BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL COMPRISING AN EFFICACIOUS CELL
CULTURE OF A BIOCOMPATIBLE AND BIODEGRADABLE THREE-DIMENSIONAL
MATRIX CONSISTING OF A HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE

New York, NY 10036
December 7, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed prior to examination
to revise the claims to reduce the filing fee. Kindly amend
the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-27 and add the following claims:

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29. A biological material comprising:
a) at least one cell type selected from the group consisting
of endothelial cells, glandular cells, skin adnexa,
germinative cells of hair bulbs; and
b) a biocompatible and biodegradable three-dimensional matrix
comprising at least one hyaluronic acid derivative selected
from the group consisting of:
A) an ester of